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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL ELEPHANT

REF: (A) STATE 307449, (B) STATE 301254, (C) COLOMBO4519

1. GSL HAS DROPPED IDEA OF USING SHIP TO SEND BABY ELEPHAN (WHOSE NAME IS SHANTI) FROM COLOMBO TO KARACHI. AVAILABLE SHIPS COULD TAKE ELEPHANT ONLY ON DECK, AND WILD LIFE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT DID NOT THINK SHE WOULD SURVIVE 6-8 DAY VOYAGE. NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER WITH KLM TO TAKE ELEPHANT FROM COLOMBO TO NEW YORK VIA AMSTERDAM. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT COMPLETE, BUT GSL HOPES TO SAY GOODBY TO SHANTI EITHER ON DECEMBER 28 OR JANUARY 4 (KLM HAS ONLY ONE FLIGHT PER WEEK FROM COLOMBO.) EMBASSY WILL ADVISE EXACT SCHEDULE WHEN KNOWN.

2. SHIPPING PROVISIONS PROVIDED REFTELS A AND B HAVE BEEN PASSED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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